

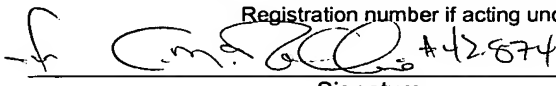


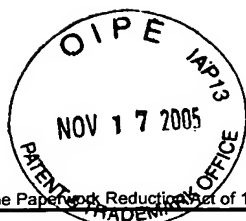
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| <b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)<br/>FY 2005</b><br>(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)  |            | <b>Docket Number (Optional)</b><br>1817-0147P |           |
| <b>Application Number</b> 10/686,674-Conf. #8293  |            | <b>Filed</b> October 17, 2003                 |           |
| <b>For</b> BIOLOGICAL ASSAYS  |            |   |           |
| <b>Art Unit</b> 1655  |            | <b>Examiner</b> R. J. Gitomer                 |           |
| This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.<br>The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below): |            |   |           |
|   | <u>Fee</u> | <u>Small Entity Fee</u>                       |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))  | \$120      | \$60  | \$        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))  | \$450      | \$225   | \$ 225.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))   | \$1020     | \$510   | \$        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))  | \$1590     | \$795   | \$        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))  | \$2160     | \$1080  | \$        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.  |            |   |           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.   |            |   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.   |            |   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.  |            |   |           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 02-2448. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.                             |            |   |           |
| I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.   |            |   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.<br>Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).   |            |   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number _____   |            |   |           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.  |            |   |           |
| Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 39,538  |            |   |           |
| Signature<br>  |            | November 17, 2005<br>Date                     |           |
| James T. Eller, Jr.<br>Typed or printed name  |            | (703) 205-8000<br>Telephone Number            |           |
| NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.   |            |   |           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total of 1 forms are submitted.   |            |   |           |



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| <b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b><br><b>For FY 2005</b>  |                    | <b>Complete if Known</b> |                        |
|   |                    | Application Number       | 10/686,674-Conf. #8293 |
|   |                    | Filing Date              | October 17, 2003       |
|   |                    | First Named Inventor     | Igor SHVETS            |
|   |                    | Examiner Name            | R. J. Gitomer          |
|   |                    | Art Unit                 | 1655                   |
|   |                    | Attorney Docket No.      | 1817-0147P             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 |                    |                          |                        |
| <b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT</b>  | <b>(\$)</b> 225.00 |                          |                        |

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| <b>METHOD OF PAYMENT</b> (check all that apply)   |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order  | <input type="checkbox"/> None   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please identify):   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deposit Account  | Deposit Account Number: 02-2448   |
|   | Deposit Account Name: Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP                        |
| For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)                |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charge fee(s) indicated below  | <input type="checkbox"/> Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayment of fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayments                       |

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|---|--------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>FEE CALCULATION</b>  |                    |                     |   |                     |                         |                      |                       |
| <b>1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES</b>  |                    |                     |   |                     |                         |                      |                       |
|   | <b>FILING FEES</b> |                     | <b>SEARCH FEES</b>                                      |                     | <b>EXAMINATION FEES</b> |                      |                       |
|   |                    | <b>Small Entity</b> |   | <b>Small Entity</b> |                         | <b>Small Entity</b>  |                       |
| <b>Application Type</b>   | <b>Fee (\$)</b>    | <b>Fee (\$)</b>     | <b>Fee (\$)</b>   | <b>Fee (\$)</b>     | <b>Fee (\$)</b>         | <b>Fee (\$)</b>      | <b>Fees Paid (\$)</b> |
| Utility   | 300                | 150                 | 500   | 250                 | 200                     | 100                  |                       |
| Design  | 200                | 100                 | 100   | 50                  | 130                     | 65                   |                       |
| Plant   | 200                | 100                 | 300   | 150                 | 160                     | 80                   |                       |
| Reissue   | 300                | 150                 | 500   | 250                 | 600                     | 300                  |                       |
| Provisional   | 200                | 100                 | 0   | 0                   | 0                       | 0                    |                       |
| <b>2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES</b>   |                    |                     |   |                     |                         |                      |                       |
|   |                    |                     |   |                     |                         |                      | <b>Small Entity</b>   |
|   |                    |                     |   |                     |                         |                      | <b>Fee (\$)</b>       |
| <b>Fee Description</b>  |                    |                     |   |                     |                         |                      | <b>Fee (\$)</b>       |
| Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)   |                    |                     |   |                     |                         |                      | 50                    |
| Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)  |                    |                     |   |                     |                         |                      | 200                   |
| Multiple dependent claims   |                    |                     |   |                     |                         |                      | 360                   |
| <b>Total Claims</b>   |                    |                     |   |                     |                         |                      | <b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>  |
| 68 - 88 =   |                    |                     |   |                     |                         |                      |                       |
| <b>Extra Claims</b>   |                    |                     |   |                     |                         |                      | <b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>  |
| 4 - 7 =   |                    |                     |   |                     |                         |                      |                       |
| <b>3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE</b>  |                    |                     |   |                     |                         |                      |                       |
| If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s). |                    |                     |   |                     |                         |                      |                       |
| <b>Total Sheets</b>   |                    | <b>Extra Sheets</b> | <b>Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof</b> |                     | <b>Fee (\$)</b>         | <b>Fee Paid (\$)</b> |                       |
|   |                    |                     |   |                     |                         |                      |                       |
| <b>4. OTHER FEE(S)</b>  |                    |                     |   |                     |                         |                      |                       |
| Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)   |                    |                     |   |                     |                         |                      |                       |
| Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 2252 Extension for response within second month  |                    |                     |   |                     |                         |                      | 225.00                |

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| <b>SUBMITTED BY</b> |                     |                                   |                   |
| Signature           |                     | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 39,538            |
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|                     |                     | Date                              | November 17, 2005 |